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Barnstormer's Day Recap

A Rainy Forecast Turns into a Super Day!

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As anyone who has attempted to schedule flight time since the beginning of this year knows, the weather gods have been out to get us. So there was a huge sigh of relief as we closed the book on Barnstormer's Day 2019. With last year's late night storm in mind, there was some debate about putting up the big top tent the evening before, fearing a storm could reduce it to strips of canvas. But, in spite of the outlook, the crew of volunteers got things set up and everyone just crossed their fingers.

On Saturday morning, the weather looked sketchy, but the grills were fired up and the pancake batter was ready. The Civil Air Patrol was out in force and the Boy Scouts arrived in their "Space Shuttle" bus. Bake sale volunteers assembled a great display of goodies while vendors put out their wares. By 8:30, visitors started to trickle in. As the morning unfolded, more people, show cars and airplanes started to arrive. By mid-morning, the sky started to brighten and volunteers began to breath easier.



Among the aircraft that appeared as the morning progressed was a T-34 Mentor wearing U.S. Airforce markings. Dick Wydra brought out his Maule M5 and the Wings and Wheels Museum flew in their very nice 1941 Aeronca Chief project. Three conventional gear Cessna gems flew

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Kevin Rogers and his '54 Ford Courier Milk Wagon. Check out the shifter...



Dave Bronkowski's 1924 Ford Model T, powered by a 300hp 305 Chevy engine



Leo Metz showed off his Chevy powered, all-stainless, 1930 Ford Coupe.



Bill Foley discusses the attributes of the 428 7-Litre engine in his 1966 Ford Galaxy 500XL

in from Poplar Grove: a pair of C195 Businessliners and a C180 Skywagon. Jeff Hill Jr. displayed his bright orange 1940 J5 Cub on the ramp while Dave Monroe parked his 1946 Cub Yellow J5 on the grass nearby. A Aeronca Champ dropped in as Parker Johnston was interviewing Paul Fries in front of his stunning silver and red on black 1943 Stearman. Two more Stearmans were on display on the grass.



An amazing collection of antique and classic cars started rolling in! One of the more unusual vehicles was Kevin Rogers' 1954 Ford Courier originally owned by the Sunny Brook Dairy in Corvallis, Oregon. See the sidebars for more photos and facts about show cars and vendors that were at Barnstormer's Day 2019.

Neil Anderson brought his amazing, hand-built, wood and plexiglass model engines. Two of the models demonstrated the difference between an early 9-cylinder radial from WWI with cylinders rotating around a fixed shaft, and a larger radial of the type used during WWII, that had 9 stationary cylinders with a rotating crank shaft. A remarkable, half-scale V-12 Rolls Royce Merlin was on a nearby stand. Neil welcomed visitors to operate each of his engine models by hand while he answered questions.



The busiest spot on the grounds had to be the kids area! Air-powered rockets assembled and decorated by junior-sized hands were a huge hit for both boys and girls. Assisted by their parents, tots tried on the Spiro Flyer for size. With some instruction from the Scouts, kids created some whopper bubbles. Occasionally a giant bubble was seen drifting across the runway. Kiddos of all ages tried

their hand at landing a foam glider with guidance from several CAP Cadets. All the other games saw plenty of use, too. Special thanks go out to the Boy Scouts and Civil Air Patrol for their patience, good humor and help!



Thanks also to the members of Bill's Little Big Band who were on-stage throughout the event providing their excellent brand of entertainment, music from the 40's and 50's.



Barnstormer's Day couldn't have happened without the many dedicated volunteers who put so much time and effort into making it the special day that it was. Thank you!

The threat of rain may have kept some folks away but those who took the chance and headed out to Galt enjoyed a great day! 🌧️

These groups helped make the day fun for the entire community. Thank You!

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Off the Top of My Head

Cogitations from the Editor

Enjoying (and Surviving) AirVenture

From July 22 to July 28, aviation enthusiasts from around the universe will, once again, make the pilgrimage to Oshkosh. If you're simply heading there for one day to ogle the airplanes and watch an airshow (perfectly acceptable reasons) some of the following tips may still apply. If you've been making the trip for years, you already know most of this stuff, so use this column as something like a pre-flight checklist. If you're a newbie and you intend to camp either on the grounds or at a nearby campground, I strongly suggest that you consider the following, um...suggestions:

1. Plan your visit. Go to <https://www.eaa.org/airventure/eaairventure-schedule-of-events> or better yet, download the free **EAA AirVenture app**, at Google Play or at the Apple Store, to your cell phone so you can read through and mark anything that remotely interests you. If you're like me, you'll find at least 3 forums and presentations going on simultaneously every hour of the day. Face it. You can't do them all. But add them to the app's calendar anyway. Then, when one forum ends and you discover that your next choice of event is at the other end of the world that, for one week, consists of OSH, you might find that another interest on your schedule is right next door. Decision making made simple! Note: if you miss a forum, there's a good chance that it's being repeated, so look for it on more than one day.

2. Yes...free Wi-Fi is available if you can't live without it, as are charging stations. Just don't plan on being able to access it when you need it.

3. If you are driving, arrive as early in the day as possible unless you enjoy waiting in lines. Think crack of dawn.

4. Staying at Camp Scholler provides the ultimate immersive AirVenture experience. It's the *best* way

to take advantage of everything the EAA has to offer. Camping has a three-day minimum. Not to worry, you'll easily find three days worth of stuff to keep you busy.

5. Trams. My advice: forget about 'em. They can't get you where you have to be in the next 10 minutes and if you see one coming, it will be full. Don't bother to wait for the next one. They're *all* full, trust me. I have come to believe that people get on them in the morning and get off only to use the flush toilets (see #8 below). My rule is to **bring at least two pairs of walking shoes** that are well broken-in and to **never wear the same pair two days in a row**. One year, just for the heck of it, I wore a pedometer at AirVenture. At the end of the day, it indicated that I had walked just under *nine* miles.

6. A bicycle is a great way to get around Camp Scholler - as long as you're agile enough to outmaneuver the plethora of motorized

scooters, golf carts and 4-wheel ATVs. Bicycles do make getting to the shower buildings and entrance gate much easier and more exciting. There

are specified bike parking areas where you can lock 'em up, so bring a decent cable and lock. However, don't expect to pedal your Schwinn out to the flight line. Bikes are permitted only in the campground.

7. Hygiene. If you're camping, plan on using the campground shower rooms *early* in the morning (before 8AM) or later in the afternoon. There can be a line during the morning rush. The showers are basic but work well and never seem to run out of warm water. Note: the shower heads are actually kitchen sprayers at the end of a hose. They shut off when you let them go, so you have to *squeeze* them to soak yourself down or to rinse off. Forgot to bring your soap and shampoo? Wait. In almost any shower stall, on day two you'll find supplies

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that some schnook - probably me - forgot in his haste to run and see what aircraft is making *that* sound. In the event that the next stall didn't have your favorite brand, just check the next (vacant) one. Personally, I draw the line at tooth brushes. FYI: Irish Spring is the *manly* choice in the guy's showers.

8. Bathrooms. Port-a-potties are everywhere and they're constantly being serviced, which is a *good* thing in July. Hand sanitizers are attached to each one. If your particular physiology only functions when it's paired with a *flush* toilet, then AirVenture is your happy place. Check the app. Seriously. It has a map that shows 15 locations around the AirVenture grounds that flush. Amazing what you find under *Guest Services*.

9. Hydration. Hey, it's late July! Expect to be *hot*. Between sweating and drooling over stuff I can't afford, I need extra liquid. But, I don't carry bottled water. My preference is to start out by carrying as little as possible, 'cause I know I'm going to be loaded down by the end of the day. An empty, reusable sport bottle is way better and there are drinking fountains around the grounds where you can fill 'em. Then again, there's also no shortage of food vendors who will be happy to sell you a cold drink for just a bit less than you might have to pay at, say, Wrigley Field.

10. Sunscreen...duh.

11. Along that same line, think about wearing a broad-brimmed hat and long sleeves. Baseball caps don't protect your ears or neck from the sun. My inner cowboy prefers a straw cowboy hat. It's light weight, well ventilated and my ears are always shady. It does tend to make me address everyone as "Pilgrim."

12. Pack a rain poncho and listen to the announcements when the weather turns iffy. Expect at least one strong downpour during the week. *Important: sign up to receive severe weather alerts by texting OSHALERT to 64600.* A *Severe Weather Watch* is normally issued well in advance of the actual occurrence. Be extra cautious if a gale starts blowing. Lots of stuff can get tossed around by gusting winds. Think about where to shelter if things turn nasty. *Theater in the Woods* is my go-to choice.

13. You can see and hear the airshows from just about everywhere, but if you need to be close to the action, bring a low chair or blanket. Please be considerate of those behind you.

14. Unlike an outdoor rock concert (it can be loud but, hey... it's airplane noise, so it's ok.) the grounds aren't trashed. At the end of the day, the place is as clean as it was at the start. People pick up after themselves and even grab the rare napkin that blows by and drop it in the nearest refuse can. *It's catchy!*

15. At AirVenture, all is never lost. If you do misplace something, check with the nearest volunteer or go to the lost-and-found building. Over the years, I have lost a set of keys and a cell phone. The keys were picked up by someone and given to a nearby volunteer who spotted me combing through the grass and returned them. When I discovered that my phone had bailed from my pocket somewhere in the campground, I asked a friend to call my number. A volunteer at the lost-and-found building answered my burbling cell phone and said it had been turned in. I was able to pick it up out of a box full of truant phones. Try that at an outdoor concert.

See you there, Pilgrim! 🕊

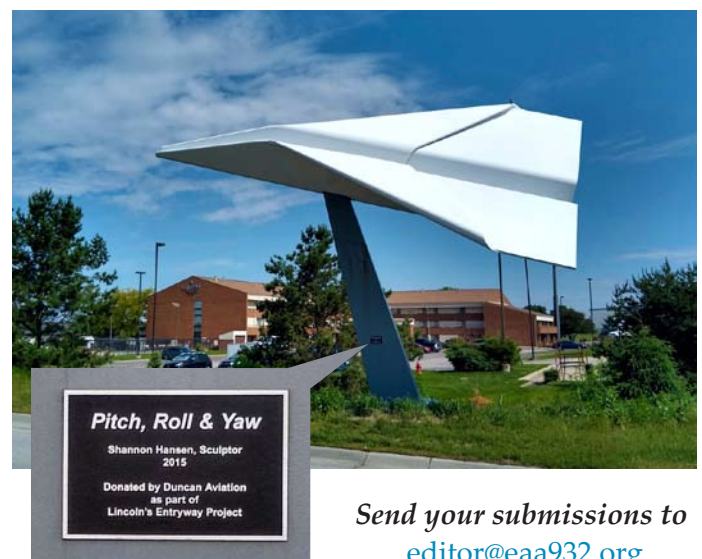
*It is with great pride that we have once again
stumbled upon another contribution to*

Planes on Posts

Whilst driving across the right side of Nebraska, it suddenly flashed by: *the most popular homebuilt ever created!* And on a post no less!

Unfortunately, I was westbound on I-80 at the time, so I had to continue to the next exit, which was something like 438 miles ahead, before I could get turned around and head back to take this picture. My wife was delighted.

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Greetings EAA 932 Members,

Summer is in full swing at EAA Chapter 932! Despite a cool and wet start, June was a great month for us. Have you ever heard the phrase, "I'd rather be lucky than good"? Well, at our annual Barnstormer's Day on June 15th, we were both *LUCKY AND GOOD!!!* The lucky part of the equation was definitely the weather. The weather forecast leading up to our event was highly unsettled and discouraging. We poured over terminal forecasts, prognostic charts, and other sources of aviation weather data trying



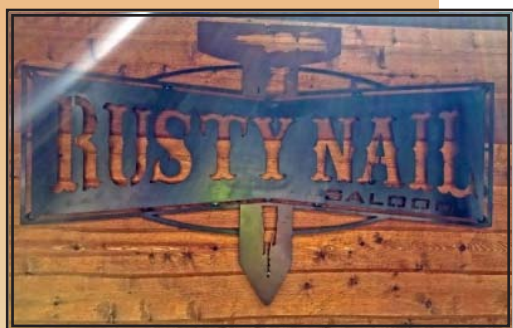
to make a best guess how to proceed with the event. It was nerve racking! We made an executive decision to roll the dice, and make our event go. While it poured rain to our near south in Crystal Lake, we stayed completely dry at Galt Airport. People still came in good numbers, and the event was a resounding success! That was definitely

the GOOD part! Once again I am completely amazed at the effort, volunteerism, and pure team work our chapter displayed in making our annual Barnstormer Day successful. *Thanks to all who participated!*

Rusty Nail Breakfast – July 13th Chapter Gathering

As we roll into July, our chapter gathering on July 13th will be in the form of a casual breakfast at the Rusty Nail Saloon in nearby Ringwood.

It will be a great opportunity to enjoy some good hangar talk, get caught up on upcoming chapter happenings, and perhaps talk about connecting at Airventure up in Oshkosh. Breakfast will start at 9 am, and we will plan to order individually off the regular menu. Most menu items range between \$8 to \$12. The Rusty Nail is located at 4520 Ringwood Rd, Ringwood, IL. For more information please check out their website at <https://www.rustynailringwood.com>. Please contact me by phone/text at 815.403.1696 or email at arnie@eaa932.org by July 11th to let me know if you'll be there. Hope you can join us!



Oshkosh! July 22-28

Many of us will be making our annual pilgrimage to the world's largest aviation event – AirVenture 2019. This is truly an amazing event that will be running between July 22-28 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Our chapter will once again have a camping presence in Camp Scholler within the grounds of Oshkosh AirVenture. We have six campsites this year which will house many of our chapter members. Limited space might be available for a few tents. We hope to have opportunities to connect as a chapter

throughout AirVenture. On Friday, July 26th, our chapter was selected to host a pancake breakfast in the Chapter Pavilion located in Camp Scholler. This is going to be a tremendous fundraising opportunity for us. A total of 10 people from our chapter are needed to staff the breakfast between 6 am to 12 noon. We have a good volunteer base but can always use more help. Please contact **Deena Schwartz** at 773.456.1446 if you are able to lend a hand at this event.



Member's Pancake Breakfast on August 17th from 9:30 until 11:00 followed by JB Aviation's Annual Flour Drop at 11:00

On Saturday August 17th JB Aviation will be holding their annual Flour Drop. August 17th falls on the 3rd Saturday in August. Instead of having our regular gathering on the 2nd Saturday of August, we will have a chapter gathering to include a chapter-only pancake breakfast at 9:30 am, followed by spectating the JB Aviation Flour Drop which starts at 11 am. As many of you know, the Flour Drop is fun to watch, and the entire airport is usually out enjoying this event each year. It's a great family event, and we hope many of you can come on out and enjoy this annual fun event.

Future Chapter Gatherings...

We will return to our regular schedule of chapter gatherings on the second Saturday of the month beginning on September 14th. We have a full stack of interesting chapter gatherings lined up between September and November. Watch the Events area on our website (EAA932.org) for updates. I hope you can join us in the coming months.

Until then, fly safe, and have a great summer season! 🛩️

Arnie



EAA Chapter 932 Calendar

- July 13 Breakfast at the Rusty Nail
- July 22-28 AirVenture in Oshkosh!
- Aug 17 Member's Pancake Breakfast
Followed by JB Aviation's Annual Flour Drop
- Sept. 14 Guest Speaker Bill Hazelgrove
Author of *Wright Brothers, Wrong Story*
- Oct 5 Planes 'n Puppies